

REMARKS

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 11, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment as it places the claims in condition for allowance. Claims 16-21 have been allowed and claims 3-7, and 10-14 were indicated as allowable. Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 22 were rejected.

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-21 and 23 remain in the application. Claims 1-22 were originally presented. Claims 3, 11 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice. Independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended. New claim 23 has been added. Support for new claim 23 is found in original claims 1 and 7.

The indication of allowable claims 16-21, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-7 and 10-14, if rewritten in independent form, is acknowledged with appreciation.

Therefore, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of allowable claim 3. Thus, independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2 and 4-8 are allowable. In addition, independent claim 9 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of allowable claim 11. Thus, independent claim 9 and dependent claims 10 and 12-15 are allowable. Finally, independent claim 23 has been added which includes the allowable subject matter of allowable claim 7 and original claim 1. Thus, independent claim 23 is allowable.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 22 (including independent claims 1, 9 and 22) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Iwamoto (JP 358167263A).

As described above, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of allowable claim 3. Thus, independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2, 8 and 9 are allowable over the Iwamoto reference. In addition, independent claim 9 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of allowable claim 11. Thus, independent claim 9 and dependent claim 15 are allowable over the Iwamoto reference. Independent claim 22 has been canceled.

Applicant respectfully disputes the Office Action's characterization of the Iwamoto reference. Namely, reference number 9 is not a pivot between the vanes 8 and lever fulcrums 10

because the vanes and lever fulcrums must be rigidly fixed in order to function as described and shown.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-21 and 23 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejections and objections be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Garron Hobson at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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